Q. *Of the men who have been directors of the CIA—Adm. Roscoe Hillenkoetter, Gen. Bedell Smith, Allen Dulles, John McCone, Adm. William Raborn, Richard Helms and William Colby—which one in your opinion has been the best?—G.T., Langley, Va.*

A. William Colby. He is a modest, strong, efficient director whose experience in the intelligence community goes back to 1944. Colby has had visited upon him the sins of his predecessors, many of them almost unforgivable, and under the circumstances, he has carried the burden well. Moreover he has been sensitive to the rising opposition in this country to "a secret government" and has opened the heretofore closed CIA window enough to provide the agency with a new image. If he can resist the temptation of introducing new legislation calling for 10-year jail terms and $10,000 fines for anyone writing a book about the CIA, he will retain the admiration and high standing he so richly deserves.